



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82499373558?pwd=SvqKXb0dNcu46BSJmWWSIsaoGHvbl.1>

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Special Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2025, and Regular Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2025, as written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 2-27-25](#)
[Conservation minutes 3-11-25](#)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.
Aquarion Environmental Champions Awards Packet.
New Estimate for Burton Woods Survey.
Eastern CT Conservation Distribution, 2024-2025, Winter Newsletter.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
 2. Financial Reports.
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Attachments: [Conservation general YTD 4-2-25](#)
[Trail Maintenance YTD 4-2-25](#)
[White Hall GL account detail 4-2-25](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.
5. New Estimate for Burton Woods Survey.
6. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ledyard Beautification Committee Earth Day Booth.
2. Aquarion Environmental Champions Nominations.
3. Recommendations to Burton Woods Management Plan Update.
4. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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File #: 25-1575

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Motion to APPROVE Special Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2025, and Regular Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2025, as written.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Special Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:30 p.m.

Betsy Graham, Barabara Kil and Roberta Levandoski were in attendance via Zoom.

Also in attendance;
Town Council Chairperson, Naomi Rodriguez

Residents:
George Gumlaw
Carter Gumlaw
Heather Gumlaw

II. ROLL CALL

Present Vice Chair James Harwood
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Chairman Michael E. Marelli
Commissioner Dave Cohen
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Roberta Levandoski

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible vote on the quote from B-Man Landscaping LLC to brush hog the White-Hall property.

Chairman Marelli explained that the work will include pushing the trails 10-15 feet and clearing the lower meadow around the pond. The work is expected to begin around the second week in March.

Chairman Marelli added that clearing the upper meadow may not be done this year and will be a separate cost.

Motion to ACCEPT B-man's Landscaping LLC's quote to brush hog the areas of White-Hall property in the amount of \$975.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: James Harwood

SECONDER: Kathleen Edgecomb

AYE 7 Harwood Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Special Meeting at 6:37 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: James Harwood

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

AYE 7 Harwood Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

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The Burton Property Report has been received and will be discussed at a future meeting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

Karen Parkinson, Historic District Commission shared with the Conservation Commission the various projects the Historic Commission is involved with;

Working with the Town to preserve the Spicer house ruins.

Participating in the Ledyard America 250 Project which will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Assisting in maintaining the Tri-Town Trail.

Discussing the possibility of new developments including trails.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson invited the Commission to attend an Agricultural Commission Joint meeting on April 15 at 6:00 p.m.

The Ledyard Beautification Committee has invited Conservation Commission to set up an information table at their Earth Day Celebration Event on April 26, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Ledyard Senior Center.

Chairman Marelli and Mr. Cohen have volunteered for the Community Action Team for the Alliance for Mystic River Watershed.

Dennis Main of Avalonia asked about parcels of land managed by the Town or the Conservation Commission that lie in the Great Cedar Swamp that might be transferred to Avalonia for preservation.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Mr. Cohen reported that the parking lot at Glacier Park needs attention.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

No changes.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

The Plan for Lantern Hill Valley Park is proceeding through government approval process and could have final approvals by April 4th, allowing the Commission to start spring planting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

A contractor is submitting a W-9 to the Town to have a purchase order created. He hopes to complete the project between March 21-23.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

Transfer of Kettlehole Park to Avalonia.

Avalonia is waiting for a decision on a grant application to purchase property at 173-174 Stoddards Wharf Road for open space and asked the Commission to continue discussions about the possibility of transferring Kettlehole Park to Avalonia.

The commission endorses the consideration of transferring Kettlehole Park to Avalonia, pending Avalonia receiving an Open Space Land Acquisition grant to purchase property at 173-175 Stoddards Wharf Road.

Motion to ENDORSE the consideration of transferring Kettlehole Park to Avalonia, pending Avalonia receiving an Open Space Land Acquisition grant to purchase property at 173-175 Stoddards Wharf Road.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Dave Cohen

AYE 6 Harwood Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

EXCUSED 1 Graham

White-Hall Management Report.

Motion to ACCEPT the White-Hall Management Report.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathleen Edgecomb

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

AYE 6 Harwood Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

EXCUSED 1 Graham

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathleen Edgecomb

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

AYE 6 Harwood Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

EXCUSED 1 Graham

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File #: 25-1733

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Correspondence.

Aquarion Environmental Champions Awards Packet.

New Estimate for Burton Woods Survey.

Eastern CT Conservation Distribution, 2024-2025, Winter Newsletter.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1720

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Public Comments.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1721

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Informational items.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1725

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Property Walks.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1722

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Financial Reports.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 4-2-25

FOR 2025 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0101	GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION								
10110213	56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	.00	.00	1,150.00	.0%
10110213	57300 NEW EQUIP	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
10110213	58790 MISC EXP	925	0	925	.00	.00	925.00	.0%
	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,575	0	3,575	.00	.00	3,575.00	.0%
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	.00	.00	3,575.00	.0%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	.00	.00	3,575.00	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 4-2-25

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
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GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	.00	.00	3,575.00	.0%
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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 4-2-25

FOR 2025 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0210	CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305	58922 TRAIL MNT	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%
	TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 4-2-25

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
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GRAND TOTAL	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%
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G/L ACCOUNT DETAIL

Org: 301 Object: 21266
WHITEHALL PARK TRUST 0301-00-0000-00000-21266 -

YEAR	PER	JOURNAL	EFF DATE	SRC TR	PO/REF2	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	POSTED
2025	03	264	09/16/2024	API 1	20251941	W 091924T	225.00	Y
2025	00	3	07/01/2024	SOY 1		SOY BAL	-19,639.89	Y

Total Amount: -19,414.89

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File #: 25-1718

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1723

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1727

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 5.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

New Estimate for Burton Woods Survey.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1724

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1728

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Ledyard Beautification Committee Earth Day Booth.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1729

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Aquarion Environmental Champions Nominations.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1730

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Recommendations to Burton Woods Management Plan Update.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 25-1726

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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